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THE GERMAN UPROAR

Germany seems to be in an uproar over the peace terms informally made public before their actual presentation at Versailles.

The Socialist organ, Vorwaerts, declares, "No German government can sign such terms." The Berlin Anzeiger says, "Not more shameless mockery of President Wilson's 'fourteen points' can be imagined." Chancellor Ebert speaks of the shameful enemy nations that "allow themselves to be dominated by feelings of hatred and revenge" and threatens the Allies with "the inflexible will of the German people."

Even Prince Lichnowsky, former German ambassador to England, and one of the most enlightened and liberal of the old ruling class, condemns France for trying to "extort an unjust peace that will bring forth only fresh armaments throwing into the shades all former armaments, because a mailed fist peace can be maintained only by the ailed fist." He holds out the threat not only of armed resistance, but of "the common enemy, Communism and Terror, throwing all mankind back into its primitive state."

All this might have been plausible enough if the Allies had really determined on such a peace as some of the exterminists at Paris wanted to impose. It might even sound plausible if the program worked out at Paris were as harsh as that which Germany—the aggressor—had boasted only a year ago that she would inflict on the Allies when she won.

It would indeed be a bitter peace if the Allies applied the same principles that Germany applied to beaten France after the Franco-Prussian war. It would be a bitter and intolerable peace if the Allies undertook to make Germany suffer the natural penalties of her crimes making her pay the entire expenses of the defensive war they were obliged to fight, and in lieu of payment, strip ping her of rich territories.

But the Allies have gone far short of this. They have decided to leave Germany intact, lopping off only such portions as are non-German and are required for the independence of the peoples occupying them. They have decided to assess upon Germany only a small part of their own war expenses, and let Germany live instead of destroying her. In comparison with the provocation given, they have been moderate and merciful.

Let the heathen rage and the Germans imagine a vain thing. They will not succeed in modifying these terms. They are lucky to get off so easy.

U. S. METAL MINES DIVIDENDS IN 1919

The dividends paid during the month of March, 1919, by 28 mining and metallurgical companies in the United States amounted to \$12,050,438 as compared with earnings of \$27,240,511 in March 1918. Holding companies paid \$366,572, as compared with \$413,433 in 1917. Canada, South America and Mexican companies paid \$1,806,213 in March 1918.

The total dividends paid during the first three months of the year by the United States mining and metallurgical companies was \$29,434,906 compared with \$47,261,524 in 1918. Holding companies paid during the same time \$696,572 and \$743,433 respectively. The production of Mexican, Canadian and South American companies was \$4,614,412 for 1919 and \$4,627,775 for 1918.

The dividend record for March was one of reductions compared with the previous year. Many of the old time dividend payers passed their dividends especially Calumet and Hecla, Old Dominion, and Utah Consolidated, Shannon and some others of the companies who had a precarious existence the past several years went out of existence, their holding being taken over for little or nothing by the other nearby operating companies.

Even though the mining companies have been hard hit by cessation of the war it will be noted that practically all the big ones continue to do business and are making every effort to further their development and add to their reserves in the belief that the base metal will gain react in price. But aside from the low price of the metals many of the larger companies are using their reserves to make possible the employment of all their old forces to keep the operating end of the concerns in shape to take advantage of a revival in copper and other metals mining. Losses do not phase these fellows, as they are all good sports and book their losses with as great nonchalance as they do winnings.

TOMBSTONE'S SILVER OUTLOOK

With the future of silver assured for several years to come, there is no reason why Tombstone, with her silver mines, should not feel prosperity. There is not a single property in the Tombstone district with the least showing of silver that cannot be worked at a profit at present prices. Besides this there are many dumps that can be screened at big profit with silver over \$1.00 and bound to climb higher. The statement has been made that should the price of the white metal go to \$1.25 that there is not one single waste dump in this district that could not be shipped at a profit. There is a big field in Tombstone for miners and mining men, and much property that is still open for lease, not only from the company but from individual owners, who would be glad to have their property developed.

A COCHISE COUNTY PLAYGROUND

The supervisors of Pima and Pinal counties have joined hands and purses in undertaking to build a road to Mount Lemon in the Santa Catalina mountains. The road to approach Mt. Lemon from the east. Such a road would open and cause to be developed a playground in the Santa Catalina mountains, which would offer a place of pleasure and comfort during the summer for a large portion of Arizona where the heat of summer is something to avoid if possible for two or three months in the year.

The road to Mount Lemon in the Santa Catalina mountains is a similar undertaking to the proposition in this county to build a road which would lead from Pearce through the Light settlement and thence on east to the very top of the Chiricahua mountains. With the completion of this road the people of Cochise county would have a home summer resort where they could go and get more real rest and enjoy a finer climate, find more pleasure and relaxation than has ever been possible as a result of a trip to the coast whither hundreds and hundreds go every year. On the top of the Chiricahua mountains are great forests of pine timber and great areas of undergrowth which reminds one of the scenes of their childhood in the east and middle west and where the purest of water is available which is cold enough to require no ice. In many localities on these mountains wild berries grow luxuriantly and flower laden vines decorate the beautiful wilderness.

Cochise county has a taxable wealth of \$180,000,000; it has 65,000 or 70,000 inhabitants and when wealth and population are considered who will say that a county playground should not be provided in the mountains where all may go and enjoy life among the soothing pines, away from the heat which dances in the valleys during the summer.—International.

HELP TURN THE FLYWHEEL

Millions of people are waiting for that "after the war prosperity boom" to hit them in the face.

There is just one way to cause that boom to strike you, get busy and don't wait any longer for prices to "drop."

The drop in prices will come so slowly you will never know it.

The nation is marking time today with every one waiting for the other fellow to move first.

The best authorities say a million new buildings are needed. Other millions need painting and repairing.

Manufacturers using western metals such as lead, copper, and zinc are waiting for orders for hardware, plumbers supplies, etc., before they buy raw materials from the mines. Lumber yards are waiting orders before they stock up with lumber and so on, while Mr. Citizen sighs back and waits for lightning to strike him.

Prosperity rests in our own hands. If we go ahead with necessary construction, industrial activity will soon manifest itself. Our metal mines will again gain their former stride, the lumber industry will be rushed with orders and jobs will be hunting the man.

The General Motors Co., has lead off with a construction program for its plants aggregating \$43,000,000. This company knows that prices will not be lower for a long time to come.

Prosperity for us will come with our own activity and not in waiting for foreign orders, which are months and years away.

Continued good times in the U. S. today are right up to the individual. Go ahead with your building and construction work and your hand will be one of millions to help turn over the great flywheel of industrial prosperity.

FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE

There was no such word as "fail" recognized by the American people in the four Liberty loan campaigns when the war was on. There will be no such word recognized in the Victory loan campaign when victory has been won and peace is being firmly established.

1. The loan will be taken by the people because they must take it as a matter of self-protection. If it is forced upon the banks, the banks will be obliged correspondingly to contract loans to industry, and that will in equal measure contract business and employment. If neither people nor banks take the loans the government must proceed to collect the amount in new war taxes.

2. The loan will be taken by the people because its interest terms of 4 3-4 per cent with partial tax exemption, are much the best yet offered by the Government. The short time of four years for the notes to run to maturity should prove additionally attractive to small investors as an assurance against market depreciation.

3. But above all, the loan will be taken because the American people are in honor bound to take it. President Wilson has stated this side of the question fairly and impressively:

"Two years ago we pledged our lives and fortunes to the cause for which we have fought. Sixty thousand of our strongest sons have redeemed for us that pledge of blood. To redeem in full faith the promise of this sacrifice, we now must give this new evidence of our purpose."

ENCOURAGE THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

Lumbermen of the Pacific coast are urging the necessity of having a tariff adopted by the United States on lumber imported from Canada, equal to the tariff imposed by Canada upon lumber imported from the United States. It would seem that no American interest working in the country's benefit as a whole, would oppose an equal tariff under such conditions.

As the lumber industry is one of vital importance to the west it is essential that it be given such protection and encouragement as well enable it to meet competition and employ the army of workmen dependent on it for good wages.

SILVER A MONEY METAL

The agitation that is now going on among the silver states of the country and the work of the big men representing these states is sure to result in something more tangible for the white metal than the placing of a top price on it. The taking off of the lid and the freedom of trade in the metal is sure to bring the price up to standard of the late Civil War days. Silver is entitled to a place as a money metal of the world and it will have to be recognized sooner or later, and the sooner this fact percolates through the craniums of the eastern business public the sooner will the retarded benefits go out to the miners of the west, and consequently to the business men of the east. With the free use and free markets for silver, all Arizona will be greatly benefitted. Arizona could produce as largely as Montana in silver, and in fact with the copper and other mines at their full tide of production would pass them all. With the opening of the mines there will be a great business stir in the state and every section will partake of the general prosperity.

SCREENINGS

One of the first duties of Congress will be to consider the bill appropriating \$100,000,000 in furtherance of the farm scheme of Secretary Lane for the returned soldiers. Something must be done right away; the doughboys are boosting the matrimonial market fiercely. Some of the returned soldiers want their old jobs back and more do not. Many have felt the stirring of a new ambition because of the part they have taken in the determination of big events and have arranged to reach out for better things than they left when they responded to the call of the country.

Many efforts have been made to convey to the people in general some idea of the tremendous cost of the war and the debts it has bequeathed to nations, and of these the statement of Herbert Samuel that it will take England 400 years at 1 pound per second to pay off its indebtedness measurably brings the vast sum within ordinary comprehension. To put it perhaps a little more plainly; England will have to pay \$18,000 an hour for the next four centuries to clear off her score. War is the most expensive business in treasure and blood that mankind can engage in.

Two Mexicans were killed when they tried to ride American horses purchased at the sale of cavalry horses at a Texas camp a few days ago. The animals were shipped into Mexico for use of Mexican cavalry and when these fellows got astride the high flung animals these poor underfed cavalymen were thrown and walked upon. Anyway, American horses know when the rider is master and have a way of showing their disregard for the rider whenever opportunity presents itself.

Cochise county should not put any money on the road west from Benson to the Pima county line until it is definitely known that Pima county will provide a road from Vail west through the Pantano country. The state engineer has estimated that it will cost Pima county \$375,000 to build its part of the road for a connection with the Benson route west. Pima county has as yet made no provision for this amount of money to construct their road.—Douglas International.

Some excited German suggests that if the Allies' terms prove over-severe, the Germans can burn their own cities just as the Russians burned Moscow to beat Napoleon. That strikes us as a curious way to get even with the Allies. However, if half what we've heard about Berlin architecture is true, a big fire would be a blessing.

Ray Stannard Baker has succeeded George Creel as the administration's press agent at Paris, George having come home to keep the propaganda machine going in the United States. The way to make a professional muck raker begin to squirt perfumery is to put him on the public pay roll.

The 158th (First Arizona) infantry furnished more than 100 officers for war service, including the granting of commissions to practically every one of the non-coms. That is something of a record in itself.—El Paso Herald.

There is talk of a national telephone strike. Well, in some ways that wouldn't be so bad. For instance, you could pick up the receiver without hearing a bored voice say, "Line's busy!"

A lot of the boys in the cigar stores favor the league of nations because they think it would furnish competition to the National League and lower the price on the bleachers.

Percy Noodles says that when he told the capitalist's daughter his love for her would burn until his dying day she said that would help him get used to the climate he would go to.

In our humble opinion if Germany owed us any money we would rather collect 30 cents on the dollar now than take chances on getting full value ten or twenty years hence.

Another good thing about the whippet tanks is that they were not designed to give smart alecks a chance to dash around town with a load of cackling chickens.

Probably the people of Paris will not believe the dove of peace has come to stay at the Quay d'Orsay until she brings a sprig of spaghetti in her beak.

The new revenue tax is hard of soft drinks.

Any American who won't buy Victory bonds doesn't deserve the victory.

What has become of the old-fashioned beanery that put on style by serving finger bowls?